Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Friday 30 Sep 2022 until 23:59 on Saturday 01 Oct 2022

Forecast Issued on Friday 30 Sep 2022 at 02:14 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for wet and windy Friday, showery for the weekend then further spells of strengthening winds and periods of rain from later Monday.

Headline for Friday 30 Sep 2022: Very poor conditions for Friday, particularly for the morning and in the west, with heavy rain, extensive hill fog and storm force winds.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 30 Sep 2022

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
Medium Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy rain showers	Heavy rain showers	Heavy rain showers (night)
Precipitation probability					
70%	90%	>95%	60%	50%	50%

Forecast for Friday 30 Sep 2022

Weather: Very poor conditions with a broad band of occasionally heavy rain across the area continues through the morning, with western ranges always most exposed. This improves a little for the afternoon to a more showery picture, but outbreaks will be frequent, heavy at times, potentially bringing risk of hail and thunder to the western ranges later.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: For the morning 10% in west, 30% in east, becoming during the afternoon 40% in west 70% in east.

Low cloud and visibility: Visibility for morning mainly moderate or poor under the cloud and very poor within the cloud, with bases extensive in west and broken in east down to 500m with patches lower down in west, becoming occasionally good in the afternoon improvement.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	68/79 S	66/80 S	38/49 W	37/48 W	36/46 SW	33/43 SW	33/43 SW
900	60/72 S	60/74 S	37/47 W	35/46 W	34/44 SW	31/41 SW	31/41 SW
600	43/54 S	43/57 S	27/37 W	25/36 W	23/33 SW	22/32 SW	21/31 SW
300	9/52 S	10/54 S	9/36 W	9/35 W	7/32 W	8/31 SW	6/30 SW
Glen	24/48 S	28/57 S	16/33 W	16/31 W	11/25 W	13/27 SW	10/24 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	4/-5	5/-4	6/-1	4/-3	3/-4	2/-5	2/-5
900	5/-3	6/-2	7/0	5/-2	4/-3	3/-4	3/-4
600	7/1	8/2	8/4	7/2	6/1	6/0	5/0
300	9/7	10/8	11/9	10/8	8/7	8/6	8/6
Glen	12/8	12/8	13/10	12/9	11/9	10/8	10/8
Freezing Level*	2500m	2800m	2100m	1600m	1400m	1400m	1300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Very difficult conditions, particularly through the morning in Storm force winds coupled with heavy rain and extensive hill fog.

Forecast for Saturday 01 Oct 2022
Weather: Strong to gale west to southwest winds bringing frequent showers, these heavy at times with the risk of hail and thunder, also perhaps turning wintry across highest summits.

Maximum wind: West to southwest mean 30-35 mph with gusts reaching 50-55 mph at times across most exposed ridges and summits.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70% in west and 90% in east for any particular time but low chance of extended clear periods due to the showery nature of the flow.

Low cloud and visibility: Good or very good visibilities, falling moderate or poor in showers, also very poor in cloud with bases occasionally falling 500m mainly in and around the showers.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 6 Celsius increasing 15 Celsius during the afternoon
At 800m: Plus 4 Celsius
Freezing level: 1400m

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